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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, US, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. ISRAELI PRESS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO INCIDENT  
AND EDITORIAL COMMENT, GENERALLY CONFINED TO AUG 22, 23  
EDITIONS, SUPPORTED US VERSION WITHOUT RESERVATION.  
ONE OF THE MORE VOCIFEROUS OBSERVATIONS WAS THIS  
COMMENT IN THE POPULAR AFTERNOON DAILY, YEDIOT  
ACHRONOT: THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER, "ONE OF THE MOST  
HARDENED STALINISTS STILL IN POWER," HAS A LESSON TO  
LEARN FROM THE US TOUGH POSITION IN THE KOREAN  
INCIDENT -- "THE AMERICAN LION CAN STILL ROAR,  
AND EVEN MORE MIGHTILY DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL  
CAMPAIGN, SO THAT WORLD PEACE MAY BE PRESERVED WHILE  
AMERICANS ARE BUSY ELECTING THEIR PRESIDENT."

2. DESPITE THE PRESENT RELATIVELY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE  
HERE, AFFORDING ISRAELIS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
SIT BACK AND LOOK AT THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE  
EAST, THE INCIDENT PROVIDED ONLY PASSING INTEREST  
AMONG THE PUBLIC. PERHAPS THE MOST COMMON REACTION  
WAS PUZZLEMENT AS TO WHY THE NORTH KOREANS  
WOULD PRECIPITATE A CRISIS NOW. WHILE THERE  
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IS NO QUESTION THAT THEIR CYNICAL VIEW OF THE COM-

MUNIST WORLD WOULD PREDISPOSE THEM AUTOMATICALLY TO  
SYMPATHY WITH AMERICAN OUTRAGE, ISRAELIS APPEAR  
SANGUINE THAT REACTIONS WILL BE CONTROLLED AND  
LOCALIZED.  
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